## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20 By Phillips

A RESOLUTION to honor Elizabeth O'Connor on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth O'Connor is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 36 years with the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Connor exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, before her meritorious career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Elizabeth O'Connor served in the Air Force and held the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Connor began her career in the Tennessee Highway Patrol as the secretary to the Sixth District's first captain, Joe Sanford of Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, during this long and productive tenure, Elizabeth O'Connor distinguished herself as the first female voice on the Tennessee Highway Patrol radio, where even Governor Buford Ellington would know when the dispatchers were at lunch by the sound of Mrs.

O'Connor's voice; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating her leadership capabilities, Elizabeth O'Connor served in the supervisory position of Administrative Secretary for fourteen years; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth is an active and vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including past president of the Tennessee American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor is a devout member of the Busselle Church of Christ in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, her countless accomplishments aside, Elizabeth is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Jack O'Connor and her three children, Ruby Slagle, Forrest Brown and Jason O'Connor and eight delightful grandchildren; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend our best wishes to Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Connor for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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